

ATTFE COLLEGE LEARNER NEWSLETTER

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE



Simon Martin
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Hello Everybody

Contact and attendance during lockdown
It looks as though we may be in some form of lockdown beyond February half term and up towards Easter. That means that our current arrangements for teaching, and for contacting all our students, will continue for a few weeks yet.

I would like to remind all students of the importance of maintaining contact with your tutor(s). This especially applies to 16-18 year old students, but is relevant for everybody. Regular contact is not just a about keeping on top of your learning through the remote and distance learning methods that we are now obliged to use. It is also our way of checking that all learners are safe and well, at a time when everybody is more isolated and suffering from a range of pressures due to lockdown.

We are a publicly-funded organisation - e.g. funded by the Government - and so we have a statutory duty to check that learners are safe and well during this lockdown. That means, especially for 16-18 year old students, that if you do not attend online or respond to your tutors' efforts to contact you, we may be obliged to escalate our concerns, like contacting other agencies (like social services) or coming to knock on your front door. That may obviously represent an unwanted level of intrusion and so the way to avoid unnecessary concerns is to attend your classes online and respond to your tutors' contacts.

Prevent

Please find attached an excellent PowerPoint on radicalisation and extremism that has been made by one of our learners Stephen Mountjoy. We know that the risks of recruitment into extremism are much higher during lockdown periods and Stephen's presentation summarises some key factors including the signs that someone may be becoming radicalised. Please have a look through and be alert to signs in the people that you know and spend time with.

Extremism is a serious risk of danger, not just to those who carry out extremist acts, but also to the people doing them.

Contacts

If you have any concerns for yourself or others on any aspect of safeguarding, potential abuse, safety or welfare, please contact us for advice and help. This can be through the member of staff that you feel most comfortable talking to, or through our safeguarding email address safeguardingreferrals@attfe.org.uk, or you can contact me on 07984 077775. However or whoever you choose, you will be listened to and taken seriously.

Simon Martin
DSL

PREVENT



PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Dear All

How are you? How has your week been? If you are finding your learning or life tough right now, please speak with your tutor. We have a range of different tools available to us to support you. You are not on your own, we are **#Inthisogether**.

ATTFE College recognises how challenging it is for learners to have access to IT consistently at home during lockdown 3. Therefore, **if you don't have secure and consistent access to IT (laptop, internet) at home, please let your tutor know.** We are committed to ensuring that all ATTFE College learners are fully supported in trying to access IT and will hopefully be able to help you with this.

We currently have no further guidance from Government as to timelines as to when we will physically be returning back to classroom learning. As such, it might be wise to think of yourself studying remotely for a good few weeks yet.

Thank you to all of our learners who have taken time to share their learning journey stories which have been featured on our social media. There are some great stories which are full of aspiration and inspiration. If you have a learning journey story that you are willing to share, please let your tutor know so that a member of the ATTFE College team can link in with you on this and capture it to share.

And finally, **if you are inspired by any of the learner journey stories that you read** and would like to explore what courses you can sign up to next, please contact Heather our Careers, Education, Information, Advice & Guidance Adviser (CEIAG), Corporate Learning Manager via h.bowerman@attfe.org.uk to book a FREE one-to-one CEIAG session.

Take care and keep safe

Liz



Liz Barrett
Principal

CURRICULUM INTENT

This week members of ELT have been discussing reintroducing Health and Social care courses. Our intention is to embed Health and Social care courses in to all curriculum areas to support the local employment need and strengthen progression opportunities.

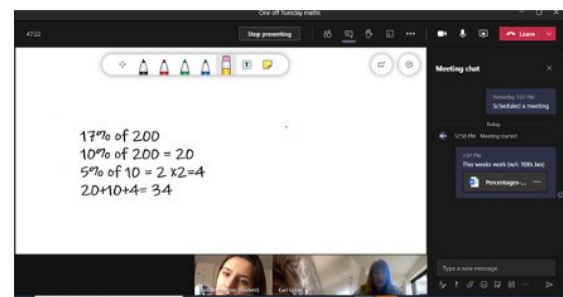
ENGLISH AND MATHS UPDATE



Tracey Cranmer
Subject Leader
maths / Loans
Manager

Can all maths and English GCSE learners please watch out for a letter and forms that have been sent out. These forms are for registering you for your GCSE exams. It is very important that you complete the forms clearly, sign them and return them in the SAE provided. I would appreciate if you have the facility to also scan or photograph the forms, before sending them back. Then email a copy to myself at the following email address: tcranmer@attfe.org.uk

Can I thank all those that are continuing to attend your English and maths sessions. Without evidence of work and attendance at classes we are unable to provide assessments.



PROGRAMME OF STUDY UPDATE

LET'S CONGRATULATE THREE OF OUR LEARNERS THAT HAVE SECURED JOBS!

Carly Smith has been offered the post of teaching assistant in the Early Years provision. She is working at the college where she did her work placement - **FABULOUS** news!

Jake Radford - has been offered a job as a Support Care Worker - I am sure you will shine!

Sam Youd
Head of 16-19

Annelise Newton - Who has secured a Business Administration Apprenticeship. Congratulations!

Just a reminder that we are still trying to access more ICT for those of you that have found that you are now struggling at home. Please ensure that you contact your tutors or me if you do have an issue. We can then work proactively to resolve this.



Please make sure you answer your phones to your tutors each day. When we don't hear from you we worry and this could potentially end up as a safeguarding referral. We are not being nosy; we just want to check you are OK!



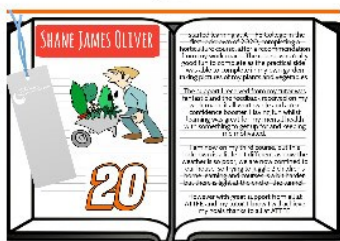
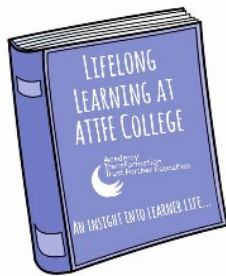
If your family has had a change in circumstances over the lockdown period, you may now be eligible for bursary. Please do not hesitate to contact either me, Shelly or Sally to discuss another application.

LOCKDOWN LEARNING

We would love to hear about your learning journey at ATTFE. If you have the time to write a paragraph and send in a photo about what you enjoy about your course, you will feature on our socials.

Please send your information and photos to Charlotte Birch, c.birch@attfe.org.uk

Thank you! :)



Healthy Choices



Thursday 28th January

1:30pm



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ATTFE College in the Community

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